Proposals on Science and Technology

2067. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding science and technology forwarded by various State Governments during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the decision taken by Government on these proposals and the number of proposals approved; and

(c) the number of proposals which are lying pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The Department of Science and Technology supports scientific research proposals received from research institutions. Therefore, the department does not provide financial assistance to State Governments. Hence, no proposal was received from the State Governments.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Selection of projects for women scientists

2068. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Science and Technology used to select projects as a part of "Women Scientists Scheme":

(b) if so, the details of projects selected during the period 2005-06;

(c) if so, the present status of above selected projects;

(d) if so, whether above selected projects will start only after it accorded financial sanction;

(e) if so, whether financial sanction of projects selected under above scheme for the period 2005-06 is communicated to respective scientists;